

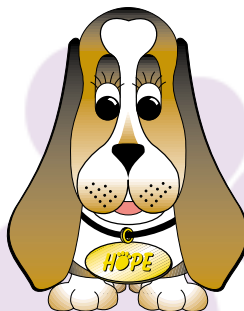
THE SHCN family partnership web site



Visit Our Web Site:

Please check our web site for additional information. To find the Family Partnership web site go to www.dhss.state.mo.us/SHCN/FamilyPartnership/index/html. This site includes:

- **Family Stories** - submitted by parents or guardians of individuals with special health care needs.
- **FAQs** - questions and parent's responses to questions most frequently asked.
- **Calendar of Events** - Family Partnership meeting dates and meeting notes plus other events.



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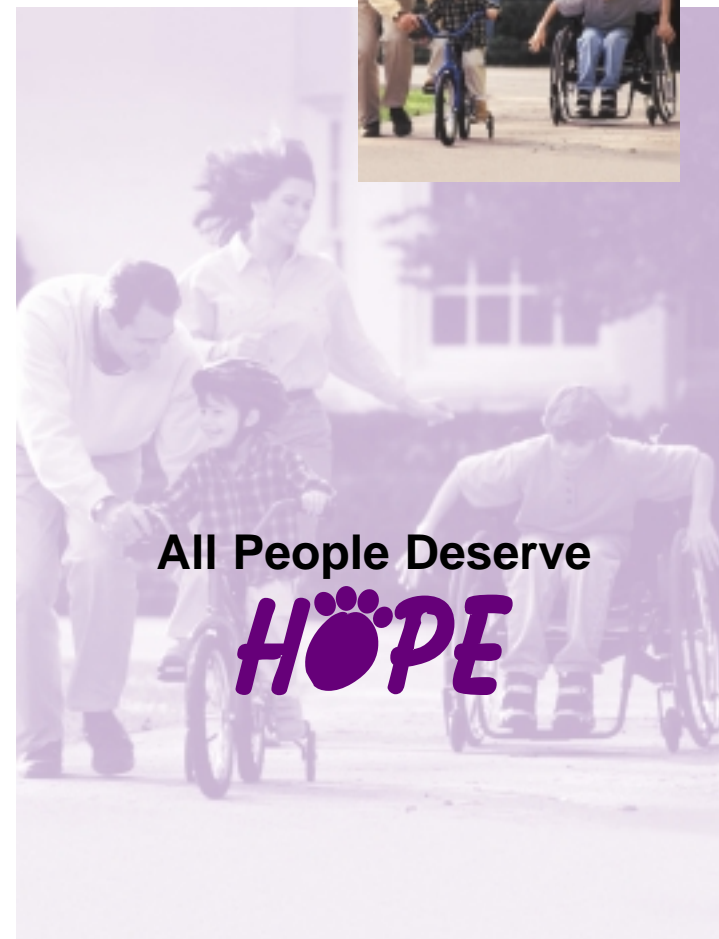


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Hope for Our Families

The SHCN Family Partnership was formed by Special Health Care Needs of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, to enhance the relationship between SHCN and the families they serve. The Family Partnership also provides support and information to these families and an opportunity for families of individuals with special health care needs to connect with each other.

Members/Staff

Family Partnership members include parents, family members, or legal guardians of individuals with special health care needs.

The Partnership has five professional Family Partners, one for each of SHCN's service areas. The Family Partners are parents of special needs individuals served by SHCN. In addition to providing information and resources to local members, they serve as the Partnership's contact person for their areas. They plan, schedule, and facilitate the Family Partnership meetings.

Goals

The goals of the Family Partnership are to:

- Provide families the opportunity to offer each other support and information.
- Give families the opportunity to provide SHCN input on the needs of individuals with special health care needs.
- Increase public awareness of the issues facing families of individuals with special health care needs.



Hope the Hound represents the hope that SHCN brings to adults and children with special health care needs.

And to:

- Build community awareness of the unique needs of individuals with disabilities.
- Promote state legislation for programs for special health care needs individuals and their families.

Service Areas

The Family Partnership has five service areas throughout the state. Each service area has a local Family Partner appointed to serve as the contact person in that area. Family Partners can be reached through the SHCN main office, **1-800-451-0669**, or by mail at: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Special Health Care Needs, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

The SHCN Family Partnership has a Family Partner in each of the following areas:

- **Kansas City**
- **Springfield**
- **Cape Girardeau**
- **St. Louis**
- **Columbia**

The Mission of the Family Partnership:

To communicate, advocate, and network through a family and agency team-supported effort to enable individuals with special health care needs to reach their fullest potential throughout life.